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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese documents, together with English-language abstracts, are enclosed.

The Japanese documents are discussed at page 3 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,021,100 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of Japan 2-237172.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Applicant(s)</u>
10/807,304	March 24, 2004	Unassigned	Toshimitsu KARIYA
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A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

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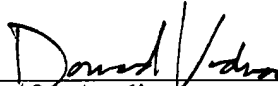
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

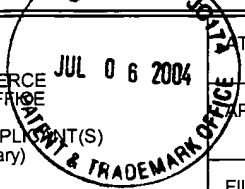
Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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